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Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1, 3 and 4, drawn to a Stephaniae tetrandrae extract, classified in class 424, subclass 725; and

Group II, claim 2, drawn to a method of assaying Stephaniae tetrandrae, classified in class 424, subclass 725.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 3 and 4.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, Registration No 40,069 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: DEC 14 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Our check in the amount of \$450.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) is enclosed.